



Massachusetts Students Named the BEST Readers in the WORLD*

And Massachusetts Libraries have a lot to do with this. Here are the top 10 ways that Massachusetts Libraries prepare our students for success.

1.

Programs for little ones – because you have to learn to read before you can read to learn

84,735 public library children's programs were attended by 1,931,426 people in one year; and data supports it: public library story times and lap-sit programs play a significant role in children's reading success.

2.

Teen Appeal

13,570 public library young adult programs, attended by 154,464 teens in one year.

3.

No "Summer Slide" in MA

Over 400,000 kids, teens and adults participate in summer reading programs each summer at public libraries, which help keep skills sharp for the upcoming school year.

4.

Librarians that go the extra mile

Public librarians know how to match the reader with the right book and help our young people fall in love with reading.

5.

Outstanding Collections

Over 12 million items in our children and young adult collections; and thanks to our statewide resource sharing system, all our kids have access to them, no matter where they live.

6.

Reading for the fun of it. Yes, really.

22,884,720 children and young adult books were checked out in one year.

7.

Better than a Google search

Massachusetts students downloaded 6,634,754 articles from statewide library research databases in a single year.

8.

School Librarians motivate kids to read

School librarians bring curriculum to life with interactive programs using traditional and digital resources and teach kids the difference between a web search and research.

9.

Libraries are All In with science, technology and math

STEM and STEAM: 53 libraries received STEM/STEAM grants from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to create programming that engages children's curiosity about science and introduces how arts and science intertwine.

10.

We're open 24/7

Libraries connect kids and teens (and all residents!) to eBooks, audiobooks, research, music, and magazines and more.

